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Colonel Donald D. Blackburn
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Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Don:

I haven't answered your letter for the ironic reason that I have been in Washington while your letter was waiting for me back here. I have been a member of General Partridge's Task Force on national command (I plan to taper off on task forces as of now).

If you are aware of RAND studies on Special Warfare and subversive activity in Southeast Asia, you know more than I do. I think, as a matter of fact, that RAND has done almost nothing in this area up to now with the exception of George Tanham's book on Revolutionary Guerrilla Doctrine in South Vietnam (would you like a copy of this, or have you seen it?). However, RAND is planning to begin research in this area under Charles Wolf and Guy Pauker. I will pass your letter along to them and see that you get put on their distribution lists; meanwhile, I'm sending along one paper by Pauker.

Although I am very much a beginner in this field myself, I have been continuing to educate myself on the subject and would like very much to discuss it further with you when I am in Washington. Major Simons, unfortunately, did not pass along to me the material you gave him from Fort Bragg. Incidentally, I told my friend, Harry Rowen, who is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, ISA, about my conversations with you and urged him to get in touch with you when dealing with guerrilla warfare, a subject which is almost certain to concern him sooner or later.

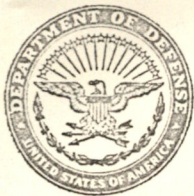
I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1961

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Dear Dan,

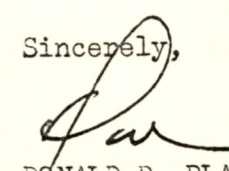
Before departing on your field trip, you asked that I obtain certain material for you from Fort Bragg. This I did, and turned it over to Major Simons. I have wondered whether or not you have actually received it.

I am aware of a number of studies produced by Rand pertaining to the fields of Limited and Special Warfare, and to conditions of subversive activity in Southeast Asia and other under-developed areas of the world. If the number of such studies is not too voluminous, I would appreciate your forwarding me copies of same, if at all possible. In the event this will amount to a voluminous undertaking, I will leave it to your judgment to send me selected studies.

I have just completed reading the Task Group's study. It is a job well done. Now the work begins to implement its recommendations.

On one of your visits to Washington, I would enjoy pursuing further our discussion on Special Warfare.

Sincerely,


DONALD D. BLACKBURN
Colonel, GS

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